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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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Mr. SANDERS changes his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table

# COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Office of the Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, DC, July 21, 2004.

Hon. J. Dennis Hastert,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington. DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Gray O. Bartlett, Executive Director, North Carolina State Board of Elections, State of North Carolina, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held July 20, 2004, the Honorable G.K. Butterfield was elected Representative in Congress for the First Congressional District, State of North Carolina.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.

Attachment.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, Raleigh, NC, July 21, 2004.

Mr. Jeff Trandahl,

Office of the Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: The unofficial results of the special election to fill the unexpired term in the First Congressional District of North Carolina are as follows:

G.K. Butterfield (Dem), 42,450 71%; Greg Dority (Rep), 16,470, 27%; Thomas I. Eisenmenger (Lib), 994, 2%.

All the counties in the First District have transmitted their unofficial totals to our SEIMS database as of 12:25 p.m., this morning. The above figures above represent the unofficial totals with all counties reporting into our SEIMS database at this time.

Sincerely,

GARY O. BARTLETT, Executive Director.

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF MR. G.K. BUTTERFIELD, OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) be permitted to take the oath of office.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest; and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE G.K. BUTTERFIELD, OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Memberelect from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) kindly step into the well of the House, along with the members of the North Carolina delegation, and take the oath of office.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the

same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the House of Representatives.

## ELECTION OF G.K. BUTTERFIELD

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues who joined me yesterday, Mr. Speaker, in North Carolina's First Congressional District. A special election, as well as a primary election, were conducted. The special election was conducted for the purpose of electing a candidate to fill the unexpired term of our friend, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Ballance), who previously resigned.

#### □ 1730

G.K. BUTTERFIELD, a long-time politico, well known in North Carolina, was elected to that post yesterday. Mr. BUTTERFIELD served with distinction as a member, Mr. Speaker, of the Superior Court in North Carolina; and finally, with 2 years as a sitting member, as a jurist on the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, I know I join you and my colleagues in extending a warm welcome to G.K. BUTTERFIELD to the people's House.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) from North Carolina's Fourth Congressional District.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that we welcome our newest Member, G.K. BUTTERFIELD.

George Kenneth BUTTERFIELD's roots run deep in eastern North Carolina. He is the product of the Wilson County Public Schools. He interrupted his college career at North Carolina Central University to serve in the United States Army. He returned a few years later, went on to law school.

His career in private law practice spanned 15 years before he was elected to the Superior Court in 1988. Governor Easley appointed Justice BUTTERFIELD, widely respected by lawyers, judges, jurors and citizens, to the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 2001.

In the course of his distinguished judicial career, Mr. Butterfield has served as vice president of the North Carolina Bar and president of the Association of Black Lawyers.

He is deeply involved in his home community of Wilson, North Carolina, from his Baptist church to local job training programs and child care.

The next phase of Justice BUTTERFIELD's career will combine his commitment to public service with his